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FOLLOWING REPEAT SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO LONDON JUL
14, 1976 FROM MUSCAT

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DEPARTMENT PASS CINCUSNAVEUR AND CINCPAC

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SUBJECT: MASIRAH P-3 FLIGHT

REF: (A) STATE 173895; (B) LONDON 10704

1. AS INSTRUCTED, XBASSADOR INFORMED RANKING IN-COUNTRY
OMANI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT SALIM KHALFAN) MORNING OF JULY 14 ABOUT P-3
FLIGHT. EMPHASIZED THAT SULTAN AS WELL AS HMG HAD GIVEN
CLEAR-
ANCE, THAT LOCAL BRITISH EMBASSY HAD INFORMED BRITISH
COMMANDER AT MASIRAH AIRFIELD, AND THAT SUCH A FLIGHT HAD
BEEN ANTICIPATED (THOUGH WITHOUT TIMING BEING KNOWN) IN
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AMBASSADOR'S LAST MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI

JULY 7. ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NO RPT NO PUBLICITY.
KALFAN RAISED NO QUESTIONS AND SEEMED ENTIRELY RELAXED
ABOUT MATTER.

2. LATE ON JULY 13., BRITISH EMBASSY HAD FIRST ALERTED
US TO JULY 14 SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF THIS FLIGHT AND TOLD
US IT WAS INFORMING MASIRAH COMMANDER. BRITISH EMBASSY
INSTRUCTIONS OBVIOUSLY ARE EMPHASIZING THAT THIS
FLIGHT MUST REMAIN STRICTLY SECRET WITH ABSOLUTELY NO
PUBLICITY. WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UK
EMBASSY NEXT FEW DAYS AND HAVE ASKED TO BE ALERTED
SHOULD ANY PROBLEM COME UP.

3. EMBASSY THIS MORNING BEGAN TO RECEIVE SERIES OF
NAVY AND USDAO LONDON CABLES WITH ETA AND ETD INFO,
CREW COMPOSITION, ETC. REQUEST
BE ADVISED PRIORITY
BASIS WHEN PLANE ACTUALLY DEPARTS MASIRAH.
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